Attention! **Who's Who in the Acalanes Zoo** is slated to come out on May 1st with a new and better format. All of the magazine, or at least the photography and caricatures will be printed for the first time.

Many interesting short stories and poems have been contributed to the magazine which promises to be better than ever before.

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MARDI GRAS TONIGHT

The annual Mardi Gras celebration will be presented tonight in the old gym from 8:30 to 11:30, under the direction of Sonja Neblett, Clubs Commissioner. The theme for this year's Mardi Gras is "Mad" and those wearing costumes are urged to make them coincide with the theme. As in previous years, costumes will not be required; however, the admission price of ten cents will be dropped to five cents if they are worn. If you still have that urge to wear a wild costume before Halloween rolls around again, join in the fun that the seventeen clubs at Acalanes will provide.

No celebration would be complete without doorprizes, and this year these quality prizes will excel last year's assortment by a wide margin. Some of the prizes include tickets to a Giants game, Beatle albums, and gift certificates to Capwells and Campana's.

Games of chance, skill, and strength will furnish a full night of entertainment and pleasure. The volley-ball throw, bell-ringer, and pitch-a-coin are among some of the attractions. Refreshments for those who enjoy eating and drinking will also be available. Cotton candy, popcorn, cookies, and lemonade are all part of the cuisine.

To highlight the evening's gay festivities and holiday spirit, a dance will be held in the lunchroom after the doorprizes have been distributed at 10:00 and will continue until 11:30.

Acalanes Calendar

April 10—Mardi Gras, gym 8:30-11:30.
April 16—Student Council 7th period.
April 17—All School Play Cafe 8:00-10:00.
April 20—Parents' Club Open House.
April 24—Junior Extra.
April 30—Student Council 2nd period.
May 1—Senior Banquet gym 6:00-8:00.

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Mr. Bruce Reeves, Acalanes English teacher, has been appointed to a National Council of Teachers (N.C.T.E.) Committee to review curriculum bulletins.

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Acalanes Union High School District Humanities Seminars continue through March and April, with programs varying from student group tours to concerts at the San Francisco Symphony to lecture sessions on psychology slated for April.

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Parents' Club donated $250 for a new picture of Acalanes (6'x12') to go in the library, as well as gift of $350 for new furniture for the faculty room.

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Campaign rules for this year's election are to remain the same as last year's, with the exception that they are to be clearly understood and maintained this year.

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Student Council has revised the Citizenship Point System except wher it concerns the Music Department, and passed an amendment to our constitution to maintain our present system, except for a raise from 4 to 5 points maximum in student control because of the increased responsibility of the members. The Citizenship Point System for the Music Department is yet to be revised.

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Next year's officers for A.F.S. have been elected. They are: President, Jack Bears; Secretary, Karen Wagner; Treasurer, Ginny Deuschle; Program Chairman, Laura Fogg; Publicity Chairman, Janice Mossetto; Senior Representative, Ursula Schilling; Junior Representative, Jim Cory; and Sophomore Representative, Holly Meyer.

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Mrs. Davies is the proud mother of a baby boy, born on March 31.

DRAMADONS PRESENT TWO PLAYS; MIENKE DIRECTS PRODUCTIONS OF 'THE UGLY DUCKLING' & 'THE BOOR'

The Dramadons are presenting two one act plays, "The Ugly Duckling" by A.A. Milne and "The Boor" by A. Checkov on Friday, April 17 in the gym. Both plays are comedies and are under the direction and supervision of Mr. Mienke.

The cast in 'The Boor" consists of three atcors: Joanne Guyon, Dennis Miller, and Ursula Schilling. Lynne Wiggins, President of Dramadons, is the assistant director under Mr. Mienke. In this play, all the characters are somewhat equal and there is no one lead.

"The Ugly Duckling's" cast is larger than that in "The Boor". The cast includes Jeff Hunter, the lead; Barry Callister; Jim Cory; Laura Fogg; Aleda Luna; Barry Nace, and Leslie Paulie. The assistant director of this play is Jan Bradley. The court announcer is Sheridan Baker.

The Dramadons hope to put on three performances: one Friday night, April 17 (this will be the only night performance); another for Stanley Junior High student body; and a third possibly for our student body at an assembly. Tickets will go on sale the week of April 6th.

Working very hard behind the scenes are the committee heads: publicity and make-up, Lana Von Prussing; properties, Nancy Thorpe and Ellen McDonald; costumes, Cheri Quincy; tickets, Toni Navone; and programs, Joy Walkup.

Library Association Requests Magazines; Juvenile Hall Needs Literature

A plea to all schools to contribute old magazines to Juvenile Hall has been made by The Lafayette Library Association. The magazines may be brought to the library and deposited in a box designated for the purpose. Magazines will be accepted until the end of school.

Students are asked not to bring movie magazines or comic books. Any good craft or model building magazines are welcome. The following list of magazines is requested: Hairdo, Jack and Jill, Boys' Life, Sports Illustrated, Ladies' Home Journal, Skin Diving, Popular Mechanics, National Geographic, Child Life, Humpty Dumpty, Good Housekeeping, Hot Rod, The Saturday Evening Post, Redbook, Popular Science, Seventeen, McCalls, Look, Life, Cosmopolitan, Surfing, and American Girl.

All School Talent Show Tryouts Held

Tryouts for the only all school talent show were held this year after school at 3:15 in room 506 on Monday, April 6. The show is scheduled for sometime during the week of April 13. Miss Richardson and Mr. Hansen are supervising the show.

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Miss Richardson noted that the tryouts received a good response from numerous members of the student body who tried out in a variety of acts that will produce an interesting show. She thought that the fall tryouts had such a poor showing due to students having too many activities.

Jeff Hunter Returns From Regional American Legion Oratory Contest

Jeff Hunter, winner of the department level of the American Legion Oratorical Contest, attended the regional contest. He has won the district contest, the Bay Area contest, and the state contest.

Jeff was chosen by Mr. Trulsson as the Acalanes representative. He gave an 8-10 minute memorized speech on the Constitution plus a 3-5 minute extemporaneous speech on his choice of any of 3 chosen articles and 3 chosen amendments to the Constitution.

This is the first honor that Jeff has recieved in an oratorical contest except for being a runner-up in the oratory contest at his old school in Arizona.

There were five participants in this contest. The first place winner, Kathy Eastman, was the only girl in the competition. She is from American Fort, Utah. Each of the five participants received a bronze medal.

Jeff Hunter, Leslie Paulie, and Laura Fogg are cast in the Dramadons presentation of "The Ugly Duckling." Also included in the cast are Barry Nace, Jim Cory, Aleda Luna, and Barry Callister.

THIS IS ACALANES

By BIX WHITCOMB

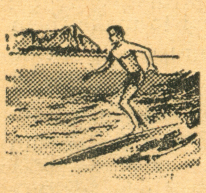
Here we are, after two weeks in school resting up from Easter vacation. Everybody is coconut brown from Carmel or skiing or Santa Cruz.

Rich Fisher, however, lost a patch of tan while body-surfing forehead first.

Progressive parties, snowballing from one dune to the next, are half the fun (well, almost) of Santa Cruz. You buy in with refreshments.

Others stayed home, seeing movies like **Tom Jones,** or going to drive-ins.

So here we are, 1000 rented surfboards, 100 ginger ales, 10 parties, and one hour of sleep later.



We were well prepared to repent by Friday—Good Friday and the start of Passover.

CAFETERIA SCOREBOOK: Hot ater for the dishwasher broke down last Tuesday. Everybody ate from cardboard trays. Fear not! There is a way to regain plastic trays with this amazing, limited offer: The first to save and return three cardboard trays gets to eat from a real tray. After that, eat from cardboard trays at your own risk.

A new type of sausage is being made (in England) with a zipper. It is for those who want to take off the skin and get at the real food. Now my suggestion is that our cafeteria do the same—with all food.

LITERARY LIMBO: This week's books are 'specially dedicated to people at Acalanes. **See Mr. Olson** or **Go to Hal** has a lot of local color—that of Mr. Olson's face. **I Fell i nLove with a Horse** or **My Bridle Sweet** is for future Cal Aggies. **Sewing's My Living** or **I Seam to be Alive** is for tired Home Ec moonlighters. **We Have a Lousy Maid** or **Intruder in the Dust** is for janitor spies of the girls' "lounge."

NOTES ON THE MARGIN: Mr. Barnett says about his recent accident, "At 60 miles per hour, it's not a matter of missing the other guy, but of where you aim to hit." . . . Park Theatre, which has a 90-year lease on all five-year-old movies, has the following bold-letter sign: **"Pink Panther,** HELD OVER!" THAT's unusual? . . . "The **real** reason people throw salt over their shoulders," says Eric Deiglmeier, "is that they want to disguise the dandruff." . . . **Kay Walgren** has been madly eating chocolates. "I've gained two pounds!" she boasts. "And I'm going to keep eating." . . . **Mr. Mayes** says, "Nobody's perfect, especially **me:** but I have such beautiful flaws."

SICK, SICK, SICK: Solution for leg with gangrene: Don't let it stump you! Solution for expensive funeral: Ditch it! Solution for rigor mortis: Don't get tight!

Whitty daffynition of hangover: the wrath of grapes.

A-MAYES-ING: "Fanny Hill is one of those terribly nasty books that can't get past the censors," says Mr. Mayes. Bob Steinforth asks him, "Do you have it?" Mayes: "Of course! Really though, I wouldn't recommend it. You can get it at 7 Arts Bookstore." . . . **Mr. Weiss** leaned in the door of 108, looked at the class, then "openly" winked at Mr. Mayes, who had just finished talking about "the gentleman and how he pleases." . . . Mr. Mayes entered Mr. Barnett's room, and walked directly to Brigitte the skeleton. He looked sincerely into its "eyes" and said calmly, "Mr| Barnett, I'd like to congratulate you." The whole class was watching him . . . Mr. Mayes claimed he was a graduate of Acalanes. John Worthing said, "They hadn't even **thought** of this school when you graduated." Mr. Mayes: "That's a **lie!** They were thinking about it." . . . Mr. Mayes to period 6: "Originally, I was going to have you write about what you like BEST; but this is a **school** assignment." . . . You students haven't been in school as long as I, so you've got no **right** to go crazy."

JOKE NO JOKE: Did I tell you the joke about the rope? Ah, skip it! Did I tell you the joke about the boatmen? Well it's too Volga. Did I tell you the joke about the brain surgeon? It just slipped my mind.

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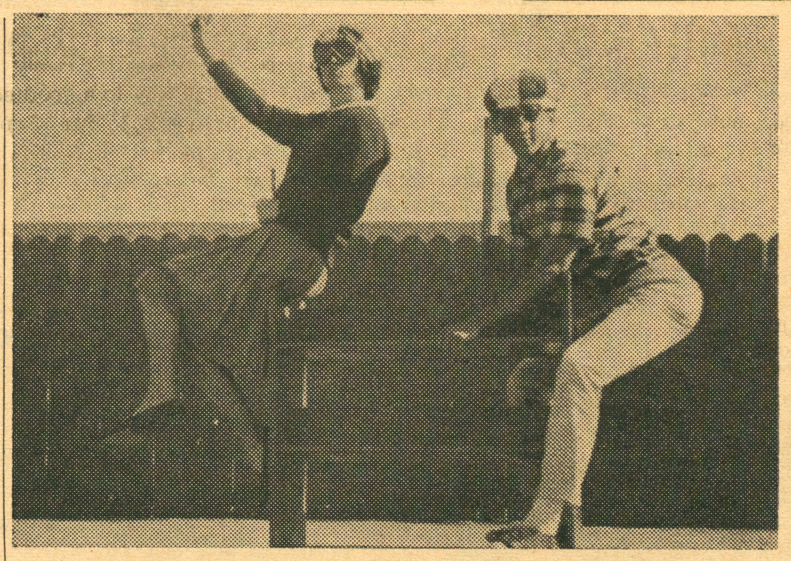

Mary and Gary on their everyday tour of the campus

Senior Profiles

Gary Brown laughed as he told about what he called his most exciting experience. It was on the roller coaster in Santa Cruz; he went on it six times but he was scared stiff! Nancy Jones, his girl friend, just sat there enjoying herself, and he was hanging on for dear life. She thought he had closed his eyes because he was scared but **he** says he really had dirt in his contacts.

Gary came to Acalanes from Ohio as a sophomore. He quickly agreed with Mary Stewart that Acalanes is "the best school in the state." Very patriotically, he hates Miramonte and Piedmont . . . "snobs," he says. Gary is a member of Rally (loves planning those skits) and Block A. He plays football and a "wicked volleyball game."

Gary and Mary have much in common in that both like to do — or at least talk about liking to do — unusual things. Gary, for instance, flies kites "just because they're there."

Musically, he dislikes progressive jazz because he can't follow it, but likes concert jazz like Gershwin's "American in Paris."

Gary hesitated before saying too much about how he spends his free time. Easter vacation was given to working around a certain girl's house . . . "classified work!" he said.

Girl's note: The girl Gary marries will be a "short, brown-eyed brunette with rank legs, who can't dance." As Mary Stewart said, "Who needs to?"

Upon graduation from Acalanes Gary plans to become a professional student. He figures on "three to six years" at Diablo Valley College, at which time he will "try" to get into Chico State, Cal., or San Jose State.

Rally, Student Council, Student Control, not to mention Secretary of the Andy and Barney Club, are among the many activities of **Mary Stewart.** After graduation, Mary will attend Cal at Berkeley, pursuing her plan to become a counter-spy, like Mata Hari.

During Easter vacation, Mary spent a few days at Santa Cruz, and made her first trip to the Boardwalk. She found both the people and the Boardwalk to be "gross." Mary spends her weekends "stealing hubcaps, snapping antennas, breaking windows, throwing rocks, tripping little old ladies," and beating her brother (not Dave).

Mary enjoys watching all sports and loves to laugh. One of her favorite hobbies is making teachers mad.

She enjoys all types of music (including the Beatles), and art: "I'm cultural." She likes all teachers, and feels Acalanes is the best school in the state. Rally skits rank high among her favorite likes. Her biggest hates are miramonte and Piedmont, because the kids are "snobby."

Mary's most exciting moment was the night of the Operetta. A member of the stage crew, she went out on the stage (made up) during one of the scenes when the chorus was on stage and proceeded to hum with them. She feels it was a great honor to sing with A Capella.

Her most exciting class was when Mr. Kauffman said she was "as subtle as a Mack truck." Mary's most embarassing moment was during a sixth grade volleyball game when her skirt fell off.

If Mary could do anything she wanted, she would go to Europe. Knowing her, she will get there some day, even if she has to swim.

Science Seminar Explores All

Few students at Acalanes are aware of a unique and exceptional science program open to gifted District students in the field of science. The four-year program begins in the ninth grade with biology and continues through the sophomore and junior years with chemistry and physics.

The senior-year course of study is called Science Seminar and incorporates advanced study and experimentation in the three science courses studied in previous years.

The present class in the Science Seminar program spent the first quarter exploring physics with Mr. Annis. The second quarter was devoted to biology, under the direction of Mr. Scott, and the guidance of Miss Nicholson.
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EDITORIAL

Acalanes — Another "Bay Of Pigs"?

"Souie! Souie!" That's what farmers call out when giving pigs their food. The same call could be used during lunch period. Instead of bells calling the students to their lunch, school spirited volunteers could run up and down the halls yelling, "Souie! Souie!"

Our excellent student body has forgotten some of the rudimentary teachings of life. Floors are not vast disposals for wasted food; garbage cans are for garbage. Floors are to walk on, not to slide on from a leftover banana peel to a piece of discarded soggy egg sandwich. Floors are also not manmade reservoirs for spilled milk.

Although the above comments are excerpts from the **Roosevelt News,** Seattle, Wash., the picture painted certainly rings true of the halls, lunchroom, and cafeteria around Acalanes. What has become of the pride in the appearance of our school that the students once possessed? Do any of the students around Acalanes care a hoot about the impression that visiting parents, administrators, and students receive after seeing the debris blown from one place on the corridor sidewalks to another? Apparently the student body is concerned with too many important matters to stop to pick up a candy wrapper.

All Acalanes students owe it to their school not to allow the school grounds to become one big pigs' pen.

GUITAR-PLAYING TEACHER FEATURED

Mr. William H. Sapsis, who is now teaching for his seventh year, has recently come to teach English at Acalanes High School. He attended the University of California at Berkeley, where he received his A.B. He can also teach both journalism and speech as well as English. At Cal, Mr. Sapsis was captain of the boxing team, but states that he no longer engages in this activity, "except with my children."

One of Mr. Sapsis's beliefs concerning students is that their only obstacle to learning is their own attitude. He feels that an education is the best means a person has to raise himself, and that if one fails to take advantage of educational facilities, he is only hurting himself.

'The greatest key to a good education," according to Mr. Sapsis, "is enthusiasm, and this enthusiasm must be generated by the teacher."

He feels that the literary works covered in his English classes are enlightening and entertaining, and hopes that his students will look upon them in this way.

Mr. Sapsis does not believe in forcing an unwilling student to learn. He is willing to help a student who is having difficulties, as long as this student has a desire to be helped and is willing to work. He feels that repetition is a good instructional device, especially for those students having difficulties. One thing that Mr. Sapsis does demand of his students is the same courtesy and respect that is given to them.

A special interest of Mr. Sapsis' is playing both the guitar and banjo. He enjoyed folk music long before it gained its present popularity, and prefers original, traditional songs and ballads to those more recently composed. He enjoys playing for his students, for assemblies, or any sort of organized function, although he has never played professionally. He particularly enjoys the music of Cisco Houston, who has had three or four albums recorded by Folkways. He also likes Pete Seeger, "the best banjo player in America."

Santa Cruz, Rinky Dinks Occupy Vacationers

Carmel, Santa Cruz and the ski slopes were the destinations of many Acalanes students during the Easter vacation. High school worries, textbooks, and teachers were momentarily forgotten for a week of bliss.

Carol and Diana Miller, those two skiing twins, passed the holidays at Sun Valley, Idaho. Becky McKee, Terry Knox, Kacy Cook, and Bill McHale and Margie Prinn were part of the skiiers at Lake Tahoe's Heavenly Valley. Over the moguls and "Maggie's Run" or the "Waterfall," they were seen speeding down the slopes.

Kathy Quinn, junior, had the most interesting and unusual vacations. She had spent the week in Los Angeles with her good friends, the Lennon Sisters of the Lawrence Welk Show. She went out with Bob Bridges, one of the former "Mouseketeers," and reveals she beat him at every game of Blackjack they played.

Barb Dodge, Joan Delamar, Alice Hink and Mary Ponting also became part of L.A.'s seven million population during the Spring vacation.

Carmel was a popular spot this vacation. Among the sights to be seen around town were Cathy Steinbach, Pam Stennsgaard, Jean McIntyre, Cheryl Smith and Meg Knox enjoying the happy atmosphere of the "Rinky Dink" . . . or Rich Fisher nursing his battle scars when he took the wrong wave body-surfing in the ocean . . . or Coleen Moore in her wild, feathered hat.

Not very far away from Carmel, in the resort town of Santa Cruz, familiar faces on the beach and on the broadwalk included: John McMurray, Janet Effinger, Nancy Jones, Gary Brown and several other students.

However, many other Dons and Donnas spent a relaxing vacation right here in Lafayette. Nancy Norton and Linda Bergemann ventured over to San Francisco to see "Cleopatra." Their reaction: "Elizabeth Taylor just FITS the part perfectly."

Then we had reports of Beth Steves' party, which seems to have been quite a ball, too.

Now, after the nice rest, we have nine more weeks of school to look forward to! Yet, to many this Easter vacation was one of the best, EVER!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Interested Girl,

I understand your confusion as to how a Girls' Stater is chosen, as it is not well publicized. There are standards and methods for the selection set up by the American Legion Auxiliary which sponsors Girls' State. The choice is based on recommendations made by counselors and teachers who would know a majority of the Junior girls (e.g. American History and English III) on the basis of their academic and activitiy records. From a list of the girls recommended, Miss Richardson makes the final choice, considering such qualities as potential leadership, honesty, scholastic record, interest in government, and ability to get along with others, with the American Legion Auxiliary reserving the right of final approval of the selected girl.

This is definitely not an objective method of selecting, but it is the only method possible presently, since the Auxiliary will not allow the choice to be made in any other way. Any choice such as this is always terribly difficult and is always subject to the element of human error, a fact which we should all keep in mind.

I hope this helps to answer your question.

Sincerely,
Barbara Dodge
Representative to
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Dons Drop Piedmont Take Del Valle 74-1/3–77-2/3

The Acalanes Track Team dropped the Piedmont-Acalanes track meet 67-55. The Dons, favored to win by three points, suffered from below par performances, sickness, and just plain bad luck. The Dons were off key from the start.

Grove Hummert took a second in the 120 yd. high hurdles instead of a first, which he was favored to win. This set the Dons back a few points after the first race.

The 880 yd. run was won by a freshman from Piedmont who is running just a few tenths of a second off the national record for freshmen.

In the 100 yd. dash Mike Hallock, also picked for first place, lost out to the Piedmont man in a close run and dropped us back

Fred Seely goes 11'6".

another 4 points. In the 440 yd. run Phil Smith out-lasted the opposition to capture first and bring the Dons back into the contest. The 2 mile run was won by Piedmont. Their man was out in front from the beginning.

In the 180 yd. low hurdles Randy Angella, after a slow start, lost to the same man that beat Grove Hummert. Here again Acalanes was picked for the win but below par performances stopped any gain in points.

In the 220 Acalanes came through again as Mike Hallock won by a small margin—this set the Dons up a little more but there were still a great many points working for Piedmont.

In the 880 yd. relay Acalanes came through with a win over the Piedmont 4. The Dons should really have a strong relay team this year as they are undefeated so far this season.

In the field events Grove Hummert won the long jump with Fred Seely winning in the pole vault. Jim Garver won the shot put and Acalanes lost by a sweep in the discus. In the high jump Barry Breckling lost to Piedmont which was another big upset in favor of Piedmont.

Acalanes was led into the meet with a decided advantage but as mentioned it disappeared quickly and things got tougher than we expected.

At Del Valle the Dons cleaned up winning by 74 1/3 - 47 2/3. The Dons won 11 out of 14 events.

In the 120 yd. high hurdles Grove Hummert won, followed closely by Barry Breckling. Tim McIntyre won the 880 yd. run. Randy Angella won the 100 yd. dash followed by Mike Hallock winning in the 440 yd. run. The Dons lost the 2 mile run in a hands down win for Del Valle. Jon Nolan came in second in that race.

Don's Swimmers Battle For Wins Take First 4 Meets Of Season

Won 4, lost 0 is the Acalanes Varsity swim team's record to date. The team has had three meets and has won each with a wide margin. Swimming against Berkeley in their pool resulted in a Don's victory to the tune of 51-44.

Again swimming to victory, Acalanes beat Pleasant Hill decisively with a score of 59 to 36. Against Del Valle the varsity, swimming here, scored a wide margin of victory with the score about 65 to 30. The Alhambra meet also resulted in a 64-21 Don's victory.

Everyone on the team is now working toward the April 10th meet with Miramonte. This will be a difficult meet and will probably decide the championship. The last race, the free style relay, likely will be the deciding factor in the meet.

There are quite a few outstanding swimmers and events in the Acalanes team this year. Veteran swimmer, Phil Simon, has as usual, shown his prowess by breaking several records. Already holding two records, he broke the 100 yard free style record with a time of 54.1. This is noteworthy because the 100 free style isn't his best event.

Another extremely fine swimmer, also a veteran, is Tom McPherson. Called perhaps the best swimmer on the team, McPherson is among the fastest in the nation in his pet event, the 100 yard breaststroke. In this same event he recently broke the pool record.

Ron Medak, a third outstanding swimmer for Acalanes has not lost a race all season in his best events, the 100 yard butterfly and free style relay.

Team members have predicted also that the Acalanes relay team swimming the 200 yard free style event is on the path to a new record.

Reviewing th past meets and their resulting scores it seems as tough the Don's varsity swim team has the swimmers and the times to go through a championship season. Although the team has few weak events. There is a dispersment of strong swimmers among a wide range of races. This is the quality that makes for a winning team instead of merely a small group of proficient swimmers winning in only a few events while the team never claims an overall victory.

B Track Looks Good

The Acalanes B track team is presently in second place with only one league loss — that by 3 points to league leading Piedmont.

Their overall record is 3 and 2, their only other loss coming from the hands of Clayton Valley.

The B's have a host of fine athletes. Senior Greg Pickett; sophomores Mike Pickett, Ken Kaplin, Dan Jones Frank Cunningham, Rick Pinger; freshmen Randy Knudson, Rick Neilson and Steve Brown all, at one time or another provide needed points.

Greg Pickett specializes in he high hurdles, pole vault and high jump. Ken Kaplin, Mike Pickett, and Dan Jones all enter in the running events.

The B's relay team, consisting of Mike Pickett, Dan Jones, Greg Pickett, and Ken Kaplin have a good chance of living up to their boast "the best in the league." If this is true, it will be the first time in years that an Acalanes track team has had an exceptional chance to place first in his annual league meet.

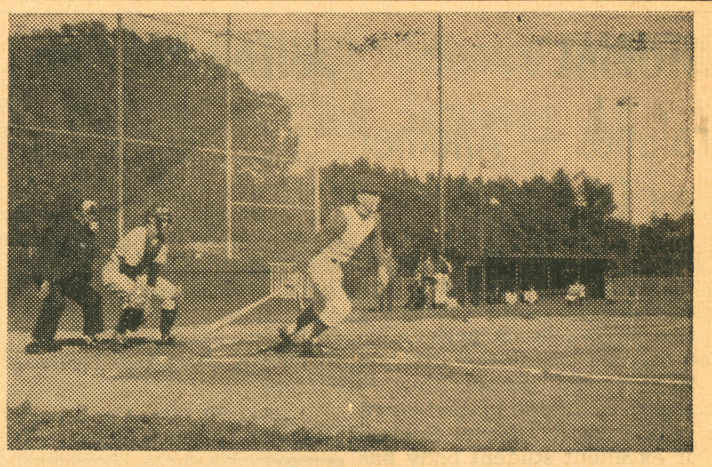
Golf Team Drops Two; Picks Up Against S.R.

The Acalanes Golf Team this year is one of the youngest and best that Mr. Widmer has sponsored. Although they have lost two games and beaten only one other team (as of April 1st), Acalanes successfully established itself last year, and will continue the precedent of having at least one of their members on the League Team. The team is composed of six students from schools in Contra Costa County.

The two losses garnered by the Acalanes team were from Del Valle (two and seven), and Las Lomas (four and five). However, our team scored a victory over San Ramon to make an entry in their record.

The members of the Golf Team included Dave Shank, Mr. Widmer's "number one man", Rick Cartmill, Dick Lee, Jim Clapp, Mike Seaman, and Don Pickens. They play at Round Hills country club, in matches, and not by strokes. They play a complete round of eighteen holes against other golf teams. However, during after school practice, only nine holes are played:

Recently, Student Council appropriated funds for the purchase of pale blue shirts for the team, however, Mr. Widmer still hopes to acquire jackets for the members He feels that since the team is usually well up in the league standings that they deserve to have something more substantial.



Janlois raps a single for the Dons.

Mattson's 9 Win Two Of First Three

The Acalanes baseball team, with 2-1 record, once again shows promise for a winning season. With six returning lettermen and a fine crop of J.V.'s the Dons should have plenty of strength.

In their first practice game against visiting Pleasant Hill, the Acalanes nine, sparked by a late inning rally, defeated the Rams 5-3. Until the late innings, Pleasant Hill was leading by one run. Then senior Rick Underwood stepped up and clobbered a home run to put the Dons ahead to stay. Bill McHale and Alan Banducci each had one single while Underwood went 2-4.

The Acalanes defense with McHale catching, Underwood at first, Bob Siefker at second, Jim Cosso at third, Roger Montalbano and Al Banducci sharing short and Jan Janlois, Larry Tietig, Jim Medek playing the outfield, have made very few errors so far this year.

The pitching staff this year has two returning senior lettermen and two sophomores who provide depth for Coach Matson. Alan Johnson and Bob Strain, two lefties, are starters for the Dons and Jim Tucker and Scott Supriaio are used mostly as relievers, although Tucker may get a few "on the spot" starting demands from Mr. Matson.

Against host Mt. Diablo the Dons were beaten badly although given many breaks. The Dons were often walked or put on base by a Mt. Diablo error and more than once got that needed base hit. Yet Acalanes scored only six runs, while the Mt. Diablo team scored 10. Our pitchers seemed to lose control whenever a tough situation arose. Once again it was Rick Underwood who delivered a tough blow, a run scoring double. Jim Medak and Jim Tucker helped the cause with two singles.

In their third practice game the Dons pulled out a spectacular 3-2 thriller over College Park that went down to the final inning. Starting the final inning the Dons and the Falcons were tied at two runs a piece. Then Bill McHale bounced one up the middle for a single and later moved to second on a sacrifice. Then it was Roger Montabano's turn. He promptly smashed one over the right fielder's head for a run scoring triple. Roger had a spectacular 3 for 3. One of his hits was a run scoring double in the first inning. Once again the Dons defense looked superb and the pitching seemed fine.

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